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Publications Review Board Completion of Manuscript by John Nixon
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Hello John,

Please see the attachment for a response to your manuscript entitled "**Debriefing the President: The Interrogation of Saddam Hussein**". A copy of the original letter will be sent through the mail for your records.

As always, the PRB appreciates your cooperation with prepublication review.

Please contact the Publications Review Board at [(b)(3) CIAAct] if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance. Please include [(b)(3) CIAAct] in all messages in order to ensure appropriate and timely action is taken.

Best regards,

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Mr. John T. Nixon

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Dear Mr. Nixon:

The Publications Review Board has completed its review of your rewritten manuscript entitled "Debriefing the President: The Interrogation of Saddam Hussein." In accordance with the terms of your secrecy agreement, the Board has determined that portions of your manuscript reveal classified material and must be revised or deleted prior to publication.

We have marked-up the pages to help convey the problem areas to you; a copy of these pages is enclosed. The Board is always willing to meet with you to provide clearer explanations to the objectionable text. Please contact us at [redacted] (b)(3) CIAAct you would like to schedule a meeting in our office.

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You will note the information we marked for you to remove on [redacted] was previously approved in the 2012 draft of your manuscript. This was an oversight for which we sincerely apologize; we have confirmed that this information is currently and properly classified and therefore must be removed from your manuscript prior to publication.

After making the changes the Board requires, you must resubmit this latest version of your manuscript, with the changed pages clearly identified, for final Agency review so that we can confirm that you have made all of the required changes and that your manuscript does not contain any classified information. When we confirm that this latest version of your manuscript does not contain any classified information, we will provide limited authorization for you to share this version with your publisher for the purpose of putting this version of your manuscript into galley proof-form or otherwise into the format in which it will appear in publication; this authorization would be contingent upon your submission and our review of this version of your manuscript in the format in which it will appear in publication. When we confirm that the manuscript in the format in which it will appear in publication does not contain any classified information, we will approve that version of your manuscript for publication in that format. Your responsibility as the author is to ensure that the publisher releases only the Board-approved version of your manuscript and that the publishing schedule reflects the requirement for the Board to review and approve the manuscript in the format in which it will appear in publication, prior to publication.

We note that you have highlighted in black, using the Microsoft Word highlight feature, portions of text that we required for deletion in our 1 February 2012 response to an earlier version of your manuscript. This method of removing material is not sufficient as the classified information is still electronically present in the document. Please follow the instructions for deleting electronic copies.

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If you add material to or change the text in any way other than making the required changes, you must submit these additions or changes to us before giving them to your publisher or anyone else. In such a case, please mark or otherwise clearly indicate the new material so we can expedite our review. Additional material that must be submitted includes, but is not limited to, photographs, photograph captions, illustrations, diagrams, tables, charts, indexes, glossaries, biographies, cover images, maps, forewords, or afterwords.

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You must submit the galley proofs (or other final-version formats) of the final manuscript as it will appear in book form so the Board can verify that the published version is the approved version. Your responsibility as the author is to ensure that the publisher publishes only the Board-approved version. Since this final review may take up to thirty days, please ensure that the publishing schedule permits adequate time for the Board to complete its work. The Board gives these reviews high priority because it knows that authors and publishers have firm deadlines.

If you disagree with the Board's determination, you may ask the Board in writing and within 30 days of the initial determination, to reconsider. Include any and all information or explanation of the facts that you believe the Board should know. You may include citations or copies of similar references that show this information to have been previously released and already in the public domain, although a mere listing of published citations may not necessarily

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The Board appreciates your cooperation with prepublication review. Please do not hesitate to contact the Publications Review Board at [redacted] (b)(3) CIAAct if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
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